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Journal of the Senate of Florida

Begun and held at the Town of St. Augustine on Monday the Seventeenth day of November in the Second year of the State

And on which day being the day appointed by the Constitution for the meeting of the Legislature. The following Members of the Senate appeared and took their Seats.

1st District — Philemon Thomas
Eighth Judy — Duval Wright
Leonard Tosh
Fr. Fatio

and appointed Fred.k A. Brown Esq.r Secretary pro tem.

Ben Hart not having a quorum for

[illegible]

Monday next 8 o'clock

Tuesday 20th of November 1810

But this not being a quorum this

House adjourned until to morrow

Morning Nine o'clock

Wednesday 21st of November 1810

A Message from the House of Repre-

sentatives by their Clerk informing the

Senate that a quorum of this House

is assembled and ready to proceed

to business and that he with a com-

mittee on the part of this House

Waited on Governor Duval with

a

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Chair
President proceeded to business

Ordered

That a message be sent to the
House of Representatives by their Clerk informing
the Senate that they were
ready to proceed to business and that the Secretary
of the Senate do go with the said
Message

A message from the House of
Representatives by their Clerk informing
the Senate that they were
ready to proceed to business
the object to proceed to the Election
of a Governor and then he withdrew

Resolved That the Secretary of
the Senate be ordered to inform the
House of Representatives that they
Acquiesce therein.

and then the house adjourned until
to morrow morning ten o'Clock.

Wednesday 22nd of November 1820

A message from the house of Represen-
tatives by their Clerk informing
the Senate that they are ready
to proceed to the Election of
Governor. and then he withdrew

Ordered

that a message be sent
to inform the house of Representa-
tives that this are ready to
proceed to the Election of Governor
and have also appointed a Committee
on their part for the Examination
of the Ballots. and that Messrs Tenney
do go with said message.

The Committee of the Senate has
reported that Gardner Stickney

has been unanimously chosen
Governor of the State of Florida.
Ordered That the Secretary of
the Senate do inform the house
of Representatives that the Senate
of the Senate will immediately
in form Mr Fulwar Skrine with
of his having been duly elected
Governor of this State. and request
his attendance."

And official Notice was sent
accordingly
of

They then proceeded and appointed
Phelleman Messrs Committee to
a Committee on their part of the
Senate, to wait the Committee on
the part of the House of Representa-
tives to wait and inform him

day to day to take such
Observations and adopt such
measures as they may think best to
carry into effect the foregoing Reso-
lution against Mobile Steamboats.
and Sell on the Chairman of the Com-
mittee of the Whole Communications for
such Information as he may be able
to give relative to said Expedition
and the Secretary of the Senate is
directed to inform the House of
Representatives of the said Resolu-
tion.

and then the House adjourned
to meet Monday next at Eleven
Oclock

Friday 23rd of November 1810

a message from the House of Represent-
-tives by Mr Elliott informing the
Senate that they have appointed
a Committee jointly with the

Committee from the Senate to take
under their consideration the present
Expedition against Mobile & Pensa-
cola, and then he with drew

and then the house adjourned
until to morrow morning ten o'clock

Saturday 24th of November 1810

The president being absent & there
not being a quorum, the members
present adjourned Prov. law and then
the house adjourned until to
morrow morning ten o'clock

Monday 26th of November 1810

There not being a quorum the
house adjourned until to morrow
morning ten o'clock

Tuesday 27th November 1810

There not being a quorum the

House adjourned until to morrow morning Ten O'Clock

Wednesday 28th November 1810

This not being a quorum the House adjourned until to morrow morning Ten O'Clock

Thursday, 29th of November. 1810

Resolved By the members of the Senate present. that they are ready to meet a committee from the House of Representatives to wait on the Governor Elect to inform him that they are ready to receive and install him in to Office this day at such time as he may appoint. which was done accordingly. The Senate then repaired to the Representatives Hall.

The Governor then Entered and took the Oath. as prescribed in the Constitution. and delivered the following address

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.

Called by your joint and unanimous Suffrages, to fill the office of Chief Magistrate under the Constitution adopted by the people of this Common wealth. I repair with a full Sense of my own imperfect qualifications to that Exalted and honorable post; believing it to be the duty of every Citizen at this moment emphatically to pay the call of his Country.

Were the Laws, but to say to any in the effect a New System of Government little more it is proposed might be expected from

from me at the moment of my entering on to office. then the ordinary profes-sions of a governor addressing the immediate Representatives of the people; yet my Solicitude during this first hour of the auspicious birth of our infant Republic, induces me on the present occasion to ask Something more of your attention and indulgence.

The Constitution excluding the Chief Executive Officer from any Vote in the Legislation of the State does Nevertheless enjoin on him the duty of recommend-ing to the General Assembly such measures as he shall deem Expedient, to the Security and prosperity of the people. The arduous and intricate labours of Legislation devolving wholly on your Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives, it is my intention only, on this occasion briefly to call your

Town

cum views to prefs especially to promptly
The establishment of a more compleat and
applicable System of Criminal Laws for
the Civil Jurisprudence Some more efficient
measures for arranging and disciplining the
Militia and other forces necessary to offen=
=sive. as well as defensive operations;
a more just and equal apportionment of
the Representation among the several
District of the State; and lastly a
more extensive basis for levying and ap;
portioning Taxes, and other resources of
Finance required for the support of Govern
=ment. and the Military operations now
on foot; and adequate also to meet other
exigencies of the State. likely to intervene
between the present and your next Session

The Judiciary System devised by the late
Convention. and Sanctioned by the Repre
sentatives of the Sovereign to whom we then
held allegiance. does honor to that Body

inasmuch as I found a better ad-
: ministration of Justice than had been
practised before. and laid the foundation
for a more thorough Reform. but the
Inhabitants of this State. at length
emancipated from despotism. seek no
longer their redress to Parliamentary
as the fundamental principles of Justice
and their rights: it is not likely.
Therefore. that this System will Own;
undergo a revision. and be reformed by
them. especially with regard to the
powers and attributes of the
District Courts. in those Judgments
by the existing Ordinances are found.
both in Civil and Criminal Cases. to a
very considerable amount. Suits
of the Inferior no less than of the
Superior Courts. so far must until
the power to pass final judgment.
ought to be reduced to exercise and
examined functions of interpreting and
applying the Laws. If this necessary
Alteration appears to you to be founded
in the Nature of your Province. by-laws. for-

for the appointments of proper officers to keep the Records and execute all the judgments of those Courts—

The Constitution having provided in part for the organizing the Militia. some changes will be necessary in the existing law on that subject. and it will readily occur to you. that nothing should be omitted in which can give activity and energy to that Body; on which we must chiefly depend for our Safety in peace and in war.

To dispose the Station which we have assumed as an independent people. so long as we have views to that independence we have enemies to that independence. some additions to our Fortifications will be necessary; and we have already commenced preparations for a Military enterprize. which, if properly conducted, will secure our success and future prosperity. it is hoped that we will find no difficulty in obtaining by taxes. especially equality on all

all classes of our fellow citizens.
necessary funds for this manufacture
Having been abandoned by a foreign
nation System and principles of Colonization
grew up in the past ages of bigotry and
persecution our right of self government
will not be contested. whenever the long
reign and doctrines of conquest civility
and writes on the laws of Nations can be
heard; nor can the Causes contest
in which we are now engaged with the
remnant of dismembered and lawless foes:
still escaping in Foolish away apart
of our Country. and pretending to
represent the Standard of departed
Monarchy. Prove unjust but even
from Neutrals. conducting Treasonous
with Europeans, and forteach. like the
Patriotic Chief who is to lead them. with
teach the Enemy that Americans neither
Standing the principles of Liberty, and a
free Government. are ever ready to sacrifice
their lives in its defence for our causes
too glorious to be separate by seas. or by
land.

[illegible]

When Charles the 4th late Sovereign of
Spain abdicated the Throne, and was followed
by the Heir apparent, Styled Ferdinand the 7th
to forego an Asylum in a foreign Country to re-
-ferring the Sovereign independence of his Crown
and Subjects. the people of the Floridas in
Conc. with the rest of the Spanish Colonies.
had they conceived of Right one Family, were
Restored to the original rights and Natural
Charter of Nature. [illegible]

[illegible] of proceeding for their own government and
Government but as their interest & independence
required the Duties of peace and
humanity can be heard. Declaration,
And our just Rights will be respected.

But the Road which plans us Down
like the Refractory Slaves which formerly
sustain the Pillars of Princes exceeding our
delightfull country. would return - of not
impeach to the Heart of our parent Country
by the [illegible]

The genius of Washington - the immortal
Founder of the liberty of America - Himself that return - does mankind from
whom our cause should receive, attempts
changes begin —

There is a tact in the character of our
Constitution which must be approved
by all who venerate the principles -
and supporters of American Independence
it may not God, it may not the address
or critiques. of Jacque can Paris - it may
not even, an effect of complacency - or
a promise of public duty, towards Country by
whatever most of us Corporate or our present
State —

Which, leads us to an enquiry so perilous
an enterprise: but it is the motives
and patriotism of the measures, & influence
of an Extraordinary, gathering deadly
other purposes of introducing a new party
form Leader by the Virtues, & Military
Chief and Brave Citizens who Surrounded
them. &c, gave Success to our army,
and a reputation to our Country superior
Surrender by our Citizens Country

I command the respect of all who are
friends to civil liberty—

I remain for us, by all the means
in our power, to support a Character so hon-
orable to our selves and to our Country—

By the example, conduct, and application
to the respective duties of all public
functionaries, the diligent and dutious among
us can be best inspired with those precepts
of order, decorum and subordination,
which distinguish so prominently civilized
from Savage man, and which must be among
the first cares of Christian Laws or Heavens
laws on Earth, since experience
in the face of all animated, and inanimate
Creation—

I conclude Gentlemen, by assuring
you of my ready and cordial cooperation
with you at all times in such measures as
may contribute to the safety and prosperity
of our Country.

St Francisville
Nov. 29th 1811

Edward Ripperdon

a Gentleman from the Town of Watertown by the Clerk, informing the Senate that they have appointed Messrs Gridley Bryant & Thomas a Committee jointly with a Committee from the House to draft a joint address to the Governor.

and then the House adjourned until to morrow morning 10 oClock

Wednesday 30th November. 1825

At 9 oClock A.M. the Senate and House of Representatives met agreeably to adjournment

The Journal of Yesterday was read & corrected

The Petition of Asa Cummings & others was presented on the part of the Senate to set with the Committee from the House of Representatives on the

In case of framing an answer to the governor's address to the General Assembly a message from the House of Representatives by their Clerk pursuing the following Bill — An act entitled an act to provide for changing the name of Ferdinand District and laying it off into a Township — and the act was read and laid over for the second reading to morrow —

— An act entitled an act to provide for the appointing of an Auditor of Public Accounts and for other purposes was read and laid over for the second reading to morrow —

An act entitled an act to impose all civil powers against the Militia employed on the Expedition Eastwardly was read and laid over for the second reading to morrow —

An act intitled an act authorizing the Executive of this State to grant Letters of Marque & Reprisal - was read and layed over for the Second reading to morrow

An act intitled an act to provide for the Confiscation of property in Certain Cases therein mentioned was read and laid over for the Second reading to morrow

An act intitled an act making provision for those persons employed in the Expedition to Penobscot, or who may sustain loss in their or in any unavoidable accident - was read and layed over for the Second reading to morrow -

An act intitled an act granting a Bounty in land to the officers of this State to be employed on the Eastern Expedition - was read and layed over for the Second reading to morrow.

An act entitled an act authorizing an Expedition against Pensacola was read and laid over for the second reading to morrow.

And then the house adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning

Saturday the 1st of December 1810

An act to authorize an Expedition against Mobile and Pensacola

was taken up and read the second time and ordered to be next the third time

=mediately and was read accordingly and passed the Senate with amendments

The Secretary is directed to carry the said Bill to the House of Representatives and request their Concurrence

An act to provide for the confiscation of Property in certain cases therein mentioned, was taken up and read the second time and laid over for the third reading.

and was taken up as read the third time

and passed into the consideration of the
the Secretary is directed to carry the
above bill to the House of Representatives
and request their concurrence with the
amendments—

Another Message to wit from Mr. Otis
from the Senate of Massachusetts
and took this oath or affirmation to
support the Constitution of the State
of Massachusetts and that of the United
States act to [illegible]

Commonwealth of Florida

To J. F. Taylor

Dr

To 1 Quire of Paper @ 50 Cts ——

" 1 Box wafers ——

" Four wood Axe weeks ——

" Bay for washing four Shirts

" two Towels in January for

the 19th. November to

6th. of December ——

Cash ——

6th Dec. 1860

Commonwealth of Florida

To Jacob Knapp Dr for Keeping

In 1 Cord of pine wood &

and two Towels a day from

the 30th of Nov.

to the 6th Dec. 1860 ——

I do certify J. F. Randolph

Secretary to the

Senate

On the recommendation of the Secretary of War

I have appointed, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate do appoint

John Ballinger Esq. of Louisiana

a Second Lieutenant in the Regiment of Artillery, to take rank as such from the twenty second day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty seven

In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed, and signed the same with my hand at the City of Washington this twenty second day of February A.D. one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, and of the Independence of the United States the seventy first

By the President

J. K. Polk

W. L. Marcy
Secretary of War

Received for 24th October 1918

The Journals of both Houses of
Legislature of the State of Florida.